



POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Wethersfield



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SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS

The Wethersfield Police Citizens' Police Academy began on Monday, March 10, 2014 with thirty (30) citizens attending. Classes are held on Monday evenings from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM at the Wethersfield Police Department and will continue for a total of ten (10) weeks.

In compliance with state law, the quarterly E-911 total call count report was provided to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Statewide Emergency Telecommunications. For the quarter January 1, 2014 to March 31, 2014 Wethersfield Police Dispatchers handled 2416 E-911 calls.

During the month of March 2014, members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned follow up to ten (10) new cases. The major case investigations involved; three (3) fraud / Identity thefts, and two (2) sudden deaths. Detectives also continue to perform town background investigations and backgrounds for pistol permits applicants.

The Police Cadets participated Motor Vehicle Stops practical training during the month of March.

The Wethersfield Police Department, Training Unit, hosted one day of the Capital Region Police Recertification – Supervisor Program on Thursday, March 27, 2014. This course was held in the WPD Community Room. By hosting this training, the police department ends up receiving one free training seat.

Probationary Police Officer Peter Salvatore completed his basic training at the Connecticut Police Academy and graduated March 24, 2014. He has begun his field training program and is scheduled to be on his own around the end of June 2014.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Patrol Division

Patrol Division (Case of Interest)

On March 1, 2014 at approximately 1:59 PM officers were dispatched to retail department store on the Silas Deane Highway on the report of a shoplifting. Dispatch reported that the male suspect had shoved the Loss Prevention employee out of his way and fled the store on foot. Arriving officers saw the loss prevention employee chasing the male suspect east on Mill Street. Officers approached the fleeing male and yelled out for him to stop, which he did. The male had four (4) packages of briefs (valued at \$66.96) and a black Yankees shirt (valued at \$12.99) concealed on him. The loss prevention employee arrived at the scene and said that the male dropped four (4) Adidas shirts (valued at \$63.96) and a pair of basketball shorts (valued at \$14.99) on the sidewalk while he was being chased. Total value of recovered merchandise equaled \$158.90. The video shows the male selecting the items and then concealing them in his sweatshirt and then walking towards the front of the store. The male was arrested and transported to Police Headquarters. He was charged with Larceny in the Sixth Degree and Disorderly Conduct. He was released on a surety bond and was scheduled to appear in court on 3/17/14.

On March 4, 2014 at approximately 12:20 PM an officer was dispatched to the parking lot of a commercial business on the Silas Deane Highway on the report of an elderly male urinating in the parking lot. Dispatch stated the female complainant said the male got out of a gray Mercedes, urinated on the ground then got back into the Mercedes and is still there. The first arriving officer saw the Mercedes in the lot and approached the male sitting in the driver's seat. While walking up to the Mercedes, The officer saw a "puddle" of liquid on the ground directly adjacent to the driver's door. The officer spoke to the male. At first, the male denied urinating in the parking lot, but when the officer reiterated that a witness saw him and also pointed out that there is a wet spot on the ground directly outside the driver's door, the male stated he was embarrassed and eventually admitted to doing it. The witness told the officer that she was quite disturbed by the incident. The male said he was waiting for his wife when he felt the urge to go to the bathroom and fearful that he might wet his pants, decided to relieve himself right here in the parking lot. The male was issued an infraction ticket for Creating a Public Disturbance.

On March 14, 2014 at 3:06 PM officers were dispatched to an apartment complex on the report of a robbery. Officers met with the victim in the back parking lot of the apartment complex. He stated that he just got robbed by two guys after he attempted to buy marijuana. The person he was supposed to buy marijuana from told him to come to the apartment complex. When the victim arrived, he saw the man standing by the entry door at the south end of the building. He had the door open and had a small white dog with him on a leash. The marijuana dealer called the victim over and they went inside the apartment building and then into the basement. The dealer said that he would be right back with the marijuana and went around a corner. All of a sudden, another male wearing a red bandana over his mouth came out holding a rifle. The two men then took the victim's diamond earrings, necklace, pendant and his I Phone 5. The victim stated that his diamond earrings were valued at \$2,000.00, the necklace and pendant were valued at \$2,000.00 and his I Phone 5 was valued at \$500.00. The two men then ran north through the basement and he ran out the

way he came in. The victim gave descriptions of the two men to officers at the scene. An investigation began and after a short time, two suspects were identified and located. They were arrested and charged with Robbery in the 1st Degree, Conspiracy to Commit Robbery and Larceny in the Second Degree. One suspect was held on a \$100,000.00 bond and the second was held on a \$50,000 bond. They appeared in court on 4/17/14. Officers searched the basement of the apartment complex and located the rifle used in the robbery. It was seized as evidence. It was determined to be a pump action BB rifle.

Support Services Bureau

Twelve persons were taken into custody and held requiring 256 hours of incarceration. Of the persons held, five were arrested by warrant. Support Services personnel transported the prisoners to court, including ten males and two females. The females incarcerated by the department required twenty hours of matron coverage.

There were 66 phone calls and 46 calls for service involving animal control issues. Of the calls for service, thirty-five were handled by the part-time animal control officers and eleven were handled by police officers. Seven animals were impounded with one being redeemed, five sold as pets and one euthanized. Wethersfield Animal Control Officers covered for ten calls in Newington. Newington Animal Control Officers covered for six calls in Wethersfield. Cases included one dog bite.

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 872 E-911 emergency phone calls. The Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD) was dispatched to 46 calls for service. The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) was dispatched to 115 calls for service and Aetna Ambulance to 237 calls for service.

Administrative Services Bureau

This department has responded to 61 alarms in month of March. Non-residential locations made up 31 (51%) of this total, residential alarms made up 29 (48%), and State and Town government made up 1 (2%). The alarms received were: 51 burglar, 6 holdup / panic, and 4 fire. There currently are 1,546 alarm registrations on file, 53 of which experienced alarm(s) this month; this represents a 96% compliance rate. Seven new alarm registrations were entered this month. During this month, \$2,375 in alarm billing has occurred. There have been 1202 actions performed by this unit with the CryWolf system, and 185 items of correspondence sent out.

Detective Division

During the first two weeks of April, the Capitol Region Emergency Services Team (CREST) will be putting on a two-week Basic SWAT school. Members from the Wethersfield Police Department will be assisting with this training which is required for a SWAT operator to be placed on CREST.

Wethersfield Detectives assisted the CT State Police with the retrieval of weapons from two people who became ineligible to possess these weapons.

Juvenile Detective

Wethersfield Police Department handled approximately 24 incidents, involving 31 juveniles. In these incidents, 2 juveniles were arrested and issued Juvenile Summons to court. Two juveniles were diverted to parental discipline and one Juvenile was diverted to the Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board.

School Resource Officer

During the month of March the SRO covered a total of thirty-five (35) incidents including activities at the school, which were entered into the School Cop database. Four (4) incident reports were completed. The incident reports included the following:

- Assault – Domestic Violence (occurred off campus)
- Juvenile Summons – Motor Vehicle Violation (also off campus)
- Assault – Domestic Violence (on campus)
- Larceny – Theft of an iPod

There were three (3) arrests at the school during the month of March. The arrests included the following:

- Incident # 1 – Domestic arrest for Breach of Peace involving a male and female in a dating relationship.
- Incident # 2 – Domestic arrest for Assault 3rd involving a parent and her teenage daughter. DCF notified.
- Incident # 3 - Juvenile Summons for operating without a license off campus grounds.

The SRO assisted with twenty-four additional incidents of a non-criminal or quasi-criminal nature. The SRO participated in the sessions of the Town of Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board; the SRO attended a STARS/SRBI (Support Team - Assistance & Response Early Intervention Program - Scientific Research-Based Intervention) meeting for at risk youths at WHS. The SRO assisted the staff and school administrator at Emerson Williams Elementary School with a lock down drill. The SRO conducted selective enforcement on Wolcott Hill Road and nearby side streets for parking violations and hazardous operation violations after receiving several complaints from the administration, faculty and citizens.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Based on citizen concerns and traffic study results, officers performed selective enforcement at various locations throughout town. Officers performed selective enforcement twenty-nine different times spending approximately 28 hours 51 minutes doing selective enforcement on various roads in town. Locations given extra attention included the Silas Deane Hwy., Berlin Turnpike and Brimfield Road.

Training Division

On Tuesday March 4, 2014, Detective Norberto Mendez attended a training class entitled **"MDT Enhancing Skills Related to Child Abuse Investigations."** This training was held at the New Britain Police Department. The MDT program consists of a group of officers that meet to speak about the challenges of Investigating Crimes against Children.

On Tuesday, March 4, 2014, Lieutenant Andrew Power attended a one day training class entitled **"Management Rights."** Training was held at the CT Police Academy, Meriden, CT. This course taught by Dr. Van Meter, teaches that the employment relationship is an enforceable contract where management has inherent and enforceable rights.

On Wednesday, March 5, 2014, members of the **Capitol Region Emergency Services Team** (CREST), including Lieutenant Mark Poisson, Sergeant Michael Connolly, MPO Luis Gonzalez, and Officers Jeffry Poulin and Shane Murphy began attending monthly two-day training.

On Thursday, March 6, 2014, Lieutenant Thomas Mitney attended a one day training class entitled **"Enforcement of Management Rights."** Training was held at the CT Police Academy, Meriden, CT. This course taught by Dr. Van Meter, teaches how to that the employment relationship is an enforceable contract where management has inherent and enforceable rights. These rights include requiring employees to: attend work on a regular basis, give a fair day's work, be subordinate to lawful directives, and perform to standards, get along with others and to be loyal to their employer's lawful business need.

On Monday, March 10, 2014, Officer Shane Murphy, who is one of the WPD firearms instructors, assisted the Connecticut Police Academy with **"Recruit Rifle Training"** for the 343rd training session. Officer Murphy assisted with the training which included live fire and practical exercises.

On Wednesday, March 12, 2014, Officers Peter McGee, Nuno Martins, Robert Malinowski and Shane Murphy, attended a one day training class entitled **"Medical Response Technician (MRT) Refresher."** This training was held at the West Hartford Police Department, West Hartford, CT. This class enables officers to keep their State of Connecticut MRT certification, which is good for three years.

On Thursday, March 13, 2014, Lieutenant Thomas Mitney attended a one day training class entitled **"Critical Legal Issues for Law Enforcement Commanders and Executives."** Training was held at the CT Police Academy, Meriden, CT. Training included discussion on high liability issues that Management needs to be mindful of.

On Monday March 17, 2014, Sergeant Thomas Regan and Officer Shane Murphy, assisted the Connecticut Police Academy with **"Simmunition Training"** for the 343rd training session. Sergeant Regan and Officer Murphy assisted as role players for this training.

On Monday, March 17, 2014, MPO Luis Gonzalez began attending an eight-day course entitled **"First Line Supervisory Leadership."** This training was held at the Connecticut Police Academy in Meriden, CT. Training objectives include understanding and developing leadership skills, identifying the responsibilities of a supervisor and ways to improve decision making and problem solving. This course also includes a three day Critical Incident Management course.

On Friday March 21, 2014, Sergeants Michael Connolly and Oscar Rivera assisted the Connecticut Police Academy with **"Practical Skills Day (ROCC)"** for the 343rd Training Session. Sergeant Connolly served as an assistant instructor by monitoring and encouraging the recruits to complete very strenuous drills which encompass a variety of techniques they have learned during their entire time at the academy.

On Tuesday, March 21, 2014 Officer Albert Whaples attended a course entitled **"North American Standard Driver-Vehicle (NASDI) In-Service Training."** The training was held at the Connecticut Police Academy, Meriden, CT. Course topics included informational review of driver and vehicle inspections for commercial motor vehicles. Officer Whaples is part of the regional traffic team.

On Tuesday, March 21, 2014 Lieutenant Donald Crabtree attended the **"Capital Region Chiefs of Police Recertification"** training held in Rocky Hill, CT. This recertification program, which is required every three years, is open to Chiefs of Police and Second in Command Officers only. This training is held once per month concluding in June, 2014.

On Tuesday, March 25, 2014, Officer Joseph Baich, along with his canine, Owen, attended a one day training class entitled **"Police Canine/ Police Canine Handler Training."** Officer Baich and Owen participated in this monthly canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included evidence recovery and tracking.

On Wednesday, March 26, 2014, Sergeant Jennie Rivera and Officers Officer Nuno Martins Bridget Camara, and Shane Murphy attended a one day training class entitled **"Suspect Tactics and Perimeter Containment."** Training was held at the Ocean Beach Pavilion, New London, CT. Training included proper procedures when setting perimeters for persons wanted for a crime.

On Thursday, March 27, 2014 Sergeants Kevin O'Leary, Michael Fisher and Michael Connolly attended **"Capital Region Police Recertification – Supervisor Program."** This training was held in the Wethersfield Police Department Community Room. This training is mandatory every three years and is open only to supervisory personnel. The training this month was on supervisor liability and domestic violence issues. This training is held once per month concluding in May, 2014.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The high school Junior Prom is scheduled for April 26th.

Wethersfield Detectives are working with the Mid-State Narcotics Task Force, assisting with personnel and the development of active narcotic cases. Detectives are also working closely with the Drug Enforcement Agency to investigate local individuals.

The Wethersfield Police Cadets will continue to participate in practical skills training in preparation for "Stations Day" competition in May of 2014.

The Wethersfield Police Department, Training Unit, will be hosting one day of the Capital Region Police Recertification – Supervisor Program. This five day course, which began in January, will be held in the WPD Community Room on April 24, 2014 and continue one day per month until May, 2014.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	MARCH 2013	MARCH 2014	YTD 2013	YTD 2014
Criminal Arrests				
Criminal Arrests	83	71	196	184
Burglaries and Robberies				
Residential Burglaries	2	0	7	5
Commercial Burglaries	0	0	0	0
Armed Robberies	0	1	0	1
Strong-Arm Robberies	0	0	0	0
Family Violence Arrests				
Family Violence Arrests	0	6	6	12
Traffic Related				
Infractions/ MV Summons	163	246	413	496
DUI	8	19	19	30
MV Crashes	51	45	143	137
Parking Tags	45	90	118	163
Miscellaneous Activities				
911 Calls	832	872	2367	2407
Alarm Responses	57	61	177	181
Records Requests	205	252	605	672
Prisoners Transported	13	12	34	33
Child Car Seat Installations	7	0	27	20